

HOUSE RESOLUTION 167
By Williams (Unio)

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John and Della Robison on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1946, John B. Robison and Della Ruth Frye were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, John and Della Robison are residents of Sharps Chapel, near Union City, Tennessee, and have been highly respected citizens of the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, John B. Robison was born July 15, 1919, to proud parents Tom and Rispy Housley Robison in Sharps Chapel, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, John was drafted into the U.S. Army on July 28, 1941; he would spend over 40 months overseas in the South Pacific, Philippine Islands, as a member of the 37th Division, 145th Infantry; and

WHEREAS, John was honorably discharged October 4, 1945, as Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, he received the Bronze Star Medal, First Bronze Oak Leaf, the Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Purple Heart Medal, 2

Bronze Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Battle Star and 6 overseas Service Bars in recognition of his meritorious and courageous service; and

WHEREAS, Della Ruth Frye was born May 12, 1930, in Noetown, Kentucky, to proud parents Robert Taylor Frye and Effie Mae Brewer Frye; and

WHEREAS, John and Della met and fell in love in Claiborne County, where they married and then moved to Sharps Chapel, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Robisons exemplify the spirit of dedication that is characteristic of great Tennesseans; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, John and Della are devout Christians and evince their strong belief in their Lord through active service in their church; and

WHEREAS, John professed his faith in Christ in 1961 at the age of 42 and joined Taylor's Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1968, John, with his lovely wife, Della, to assist him, pastored Taylor's Grove Missionary Baptist Church for 25 years; he also pastored Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Chuck Swan, in Sharps Chapel for 3 years; and

WHEREAS, John and Della pastored Blue Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Sharps Chapel for 4 years, Little Barren Missionary Baptist Church in New Tazewell for 4 years, and currently pastor Pump Hollow Missionary Baptist Church in Powell Valley, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced 7 children: Francis Mae, Elizabeth Ruth, Billie Florence, Joyce Ann, Johnny Barney, Donna Lorene, and Toni Lynn; and

WHEREAS, the Robisons are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their 12 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Robison's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate John and Della Robison upon the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.